Redskin Star

School Sports Scene

Lydia Carr is player to watch

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

"We want to win our division, the championship, and the public school tournament," said Edmondson's Lydia Carr as she summed up the feelings of her coach, Paul Shuford, and her teammates.

When one mentions the Redskins girl's basketball team, Lydia and Patricia Carr are often mentioned in the same breath.

Patricia, a 5-foot-10-inch forward, graduated last year and now plays for the Community College of Baltimore. She averaged 17 points a game during her stay at Edmondson, and was the team's top scorer.

She left quite a reputation at her alma mater for her sister to live up to, but her Lydia Carr is doing well.

She is 6 feet 10 inches, and a senior center. She has been a starter since the tenth grade and currently leads her team in baskets. With only two games under her belt this season, the agile young woman has scored 65 points and gathered in 42 rebounds.

"Lydia is a positive force on the team and she has leadership ability," said Coach Shuford. "The team runs like she does—if she is up, the team is up, if she is down, so is the team."

Shuford also said that Lydia is an excellent ball handler with great control, which probably explains why she has already received two scholarship offers from local colleges.

"I'm a team player," explained Lydia. "I'm not a ball hawk, or selfish." Despite her modesty, Lydia scored a stunning 42 points against cross-town rival Mervo.

Also taking the floor with Lydia is Linda Beasley, a 5-foot-6-inch forward; Janet Fogle, a small and fast point guard; Tia Purvey, a promising player up from the junior varsity, and Nathena Hoyle, a transfer student from Carver whom Coach Shulrod Shuford calls a welcome addition.

"We are a team that doesn't know how good we can be but we hope to find out," he said.

LYDIA CARR of Edmondson shown here at last years public school tournament at Morgan driving past Saunciree Alexander of Western as the Redskins won 55 to 47 to take the tournament title, after losing to Western in the championship game. (AFRO Photo Mark Gail)

Sports schedule

Friday, December 19

BASKETBALL—BOYS
Mervo at Lake Clifton
Edmondson at Southern
Patterson at Forest Park
Southwestern at Walbrook
Carver at Dunbar
Douglass at Northwestern
Poly at City College

BASKETBALL—GIRLS
Walbrook at Lake Clifton
Northwestern at Edmondson
City at Patterson
Douglass at Western
Eastern at Mervo
Northern at Southwestern
Carver at Dunbar

WRESTLING
Northwestern at Boys Latin

SWIMMING
Mervo at Lake Clifton
Douglass at Southern
Southwestern at Northwestern
Poly at Loyola
Northern at Patterson
Walbrook at Severn
City at Dunbar
Edmondson at Carver

Monday, December 22

BASKETBALL—BOYS
Joseph Briscoe at Carroll Park
Poly at Loyola
Douglass at Patterson
Northwestern at Carver
Francis Woods at Samuel Gompers

BASKETBALL—GIRLS
Forest Park at Douglass
Eastern at Northwestern
Southwestern at Edmondson
Western at Towson Catholic

GYMNASTICS
Poly at Forest Park
Lake Clifton at Western

Tuesday, December 23

BASKETBALL—BOYS
Walbrook at Edmondson
Dunbar at Northern
Southern at Poly
Lake Clifton at Southwestern

BASKETBALL—GIRLS
Northern at Lake Clifton
Carver at Patterson
Mervo at Walbrook

SWIMMING
Carver at Southern

Basketball roundup

WHO WANTS THE BALL?—Is the question that Deneen Jones of Western and Ethel Hill of Southern try to answer, as unbeaten Western ripped the Bulldogs 73 to 31 Tuesday afternoon. (AFRO Photo by Mark Gail)

Western sets out to improve record

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

Western's basketball team has set one goal this season; to improve last year's 20-1 record.

"We plan to take one game at a time and win them all," said Coach Joseph Rosendale.

The team has lost only two starters to graduation and one former star, Yvette Maynard, has moved out of town. But Western reserve talent in its starting five and on the bench.

Leading the team is Saunciree Alexander, who is one of the best centers in the city. She is 6-feet 11 inches and averaged 15 points a match last year.

Co-captains Donna Mamotila, a strong outside shooter, and rough ball-handler Jerilyn Keane provide the team with a dynamic duo of play-makers.

Two newcomers to Western, Lisa Stencil from Byrn Mawr and Dawn Richards from Liberia, round out the starting five.

Up from junior varsity are Lisa Bradford, Deneen Jones and Dawn Mamotila, sister of Donna.

Even with this wealth of talent Western will have a harder road to trod this year in the MSA.

Monday they face 6-foot-4-inch Tori Harrison and Towson Catholic, a team which has already beaten the best of Howard and Anne Arundel County.

Western will also face Archbishop Keough and rival Edmondson in the upcoming Grimes Classic at UMBC which starts Dec. 26.

But that doesn't worry Western, according to Saunciree Alexander. We have the determination, ability and leadership to win, and win everything.

Team performances admirable citywide

The Maryland Scholastic Association's A Conference basketball race is heated up, as seen during with Tuesday's Southern-Lake Clifton contest.

The Bulldogs fell victim to the Lakers 84-66, with Melvin Mathis chipping in 30 points.

Dunbar ran over Northwestern 88-43 after last Friday's victory over McKinley High of Washington, D.C.

Carver's duo of Tyrone Curry and Dennis Pope combined to lead the Bears to a 57-54 upset win over rival Douglass High.

City's Black Knights are on the varsity court after a one-year absence and their inexperience showed as they were beaten by Walbrook, 114-53.

Bobby Garrison was the high point man for Poly as the Engineers slipped past Edmondson 58-57. Garrison thrilled the crowd with a last-minute layup which clinched the contest.

Forest Park, helped by a 23-point scoring outburst from Micheal Pittman, turned back the Northern Vikings in the Foresters season opener 74-60.

TWO POINTS FOR THE VIKINGS as Darryl Knox of Northern scores in Tuesday's showdown with Forest Park, as the Vikings remained winless as the Foresters won 74 to 60. (AFRO Photo by Mark Gail)

Players to watch

CHARLES MASSENBURG of Mervo 6'2" forward and leading scorer for his team with 58 points this young season.

BOB GARRISON of Poly 6'3" senior co-captain of the Engineers who scored half of his team's points in a victory over Curley 66 to 55.

AETON SMITH of Douglass 6'3" senior center for the Ducks who finished third in Poet-Laker Tournament action.

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BG&E raises its rates again

Your gas bill will be higher after Dec. 31

By Sue Williams
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The Public Service Commission ruled this week to grant the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company a $24.9 million increase for gas and electric services to city customers.

The rate increases will affect all service rendered after Dec. 31, 1980. Customers should see the results of the increase in their February billings.

Ms. Rona Stokes, a spokesperson for BG&E, said that the increase will mean a jump of 85 cents a month for electricity, and about 58 cents a month for gas.

The ruling by the PSC came in response to the utility company's original request for a $38.4 million hike, which would have helped the company reach its $132 million authorized profit level requested in January of this year.

That original request was not honored, but in June of this year, the PSC allowed the company a $94.3 million rate increase.

The request for the additional $38.4 million hike would have pushed the company to its original $132 million goal.

Stokes explained that the hike does not mean customers are paying for fluctuating natural resources.

"When we request rate increases," she said, "the public assumes that it is paying for the increase in oil prices, or the lack or shortage of some natural resource, say coal."

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Reagan picks Pierce for HUD

Samuel R. Pierce Jr., a former New York State judge, this week, became the first black person to be nominated by President - elect Ronald Reagan for a cabinet post.

Pierce was named an appointee for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a post at one time held by Patricia Roberts Harris in the Carter Administration. Later Secretary Harris was transferred to the post of secretary of the Department of Human Resources, formerly Health, Education and Welfare Department.

Pierce, 62, is now a partner in the New York law firm of Battle, Fowler, Jaffin, Pierce and Kheel. He resides in Long Island, New York.

He became the leading candidate for the HUD post after Philip Sanchez, a former Nixon administration anti - poverty official, withdrew from consideration last week.

Samuel Pierce believes in balance.

As a mediator, he struck agreements between contentious foes. As an attorney, he tempered theory with practicality. As a citizen, public service with private enterprise.

Even as a student, athletic prowess and academic achievement received equally prominent attention. He was a star halfback at Cornell University — and made Phi Beta Kappa.

It is a quality that served him well as a black New York attorney. It also brought him to the attention of president - elect Ronald Reagan who hopes to redress the lack of balance between government and individual industriousness in many federal programs.

Pierce, Reagan's second choice for Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, met with Reagan Thursday and came away with the job.

Reagan's initial pick, Philip V. Sanchez, took himself out of consideration for what he said were financial reasons. But Reagan sources disclosed that in their checks for conflict - of - interest, they encountered a "personal problem" that disqualified Sanchez.

SAMUEL R. PIERCE JR. - Nominated by Reagan

"He's a rare human being," Theodore Kheel, a labor lawyer and law partner, said of Pierce. "He has the ability to walk a tightrope or deal with a variety of situations and come out with the respect of everybody."

Pierce, 62, was a chief counsel to the treasury department in the Nixon administration. He also was an Assistant District Attorney and an Assistant U.S. Attorney during the early 1950s and later worked for the labor department and a congressional subcommittee.

He served as chairman of the

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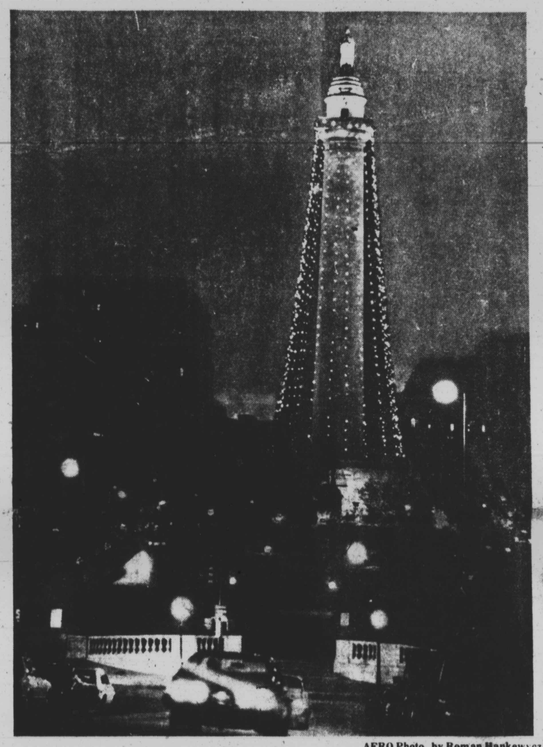

FAR FROM THE ROARING CROWD — the Washington Monument in the Mount Vernon section of the city stands quietly, making its own statement to the real meaning of Christmas. The Washington Monument is one of the largest in the country, and was one of the first to be built. AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

Implicated in McDonald's murder

3rd man indicted in robbery-slayings

Martin K. Scott, who was indicted Dec. 19 for the shooting death of Morgan State University student Glenn Harrod last month, was indicted this week for the deaths of two other men.

According to Peter M. Semel, assistant states attorney, Scott was indicted Dec. 22 for the murder deaths of John Hiotus, owner of a carry - out restaurant in the 800 block of Greenmount Ave., and Jung Gu So, a Korean grocer who was killed in his store in the 900 block of Eager St.

Scott's indictment in the Harrod case, which occurred at the McDonald's in the 5100 block of York Rd., brings the total number of indictments in that case to three.

Leon Hardy, 19, of the 4100 block of The Alameda, and Michael Hunter, 27, of the 2200 block of Boone St., were also indicted for the crimes.

All three men, Hardy, Hunter and Scott, have been charged with armed robbery, felony murder, handgun violation and conspiracy to commit murder in the McDonald's case and are being held without bail.

Leonard Scott, 20, a nephew of Martin Scott, has also been indicted in the Hiotus murder, and is being held without bail for armed robbery, handgun violation, and felony murder.

Assistant State's Attorney Peter Semel said investigation is continuing in the cases. No date has been set for the trial.

Peace returns to Houston-Woods Junior High after student protest

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

With the advent of the holiday season, peace reigns at Houston-Woods Junior High School, which was the scene of a mass protest a week ago.

Last Friday, a group of students, led by Student Council head Irma Norton, walked out of the school to protest administration policies.

Their walk-out was sparked by principal Robert Redd's decision to cancel a scheduled Christmas assembly because of an alleged fight in the school's cafeteria on Thursday, Dec. 18.

The students said that they were protested treatment by teachers and other administrators at the school.

After picketing the school briefly the students were forced to leave the premises after police were called.

Following their eviction from school grounds, the students, led by Miss Norton, talked to the AFRO concerning their charges.

Bobby Cheeks, executive director of the Welfare Rights Organization, managed to arrange a conference between Redd, the students, and Vondalee Clark, head of Department of Education's regional office which supervises Houston-Woods.

After hearing all of the charges presented by the students, which ranged from ill treatment to the denial of lavoratory privileges, she said that she would investigate.

Both Ms. Clark and Redd devised a system of interviews which include the parents of children raised complaints, faculty members, and school staff.

The conferences began Monday, and should end by the first week of January.

Most parents interviewed echoed the sentiments of Tyrone Tyler, whose daughter, Linea, was among the most vocal of the school's critics.

"I'm glad she had the initiative to stand up for herself," he said.

Ministers oppose new Harbor restaurant

By James M. Abraham
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A decision by the Liquor Board on whether or not to approve a liquor license for the controversial Rusty Scupper restaurant may be delayed until after the holidays, according to Maurice Stansbury, an official with the board.

The proposed restaurant, which conceivably will be located next to the Inner Harbor Marina, has come under fire from a coalition group of city clergymen who are opposed to ThirdWorld policies of the restaurant's parent corporation, Nestle's Inc.

According to a spokesman for CALC, (Clergy and Laity Concerned), the Nestle company has been marketing an infant formula in Third World nations which has contributed to the infant mortality rate in those areas.

They say that Nestle's has fooled prospective buyers of the formula into purchasing it by having saleswomen dressed as nurses market it with claims that the formula is better for babies than mother's milk.

Many mothers who use the formula, according to CALC, overdilute it in an effort to make it last longer, but in doing so deprive their infant of essential nutrients.

"Formula abuse leads to malnutrition, dehydration, diarrhea, and eventually death," reads a leaflet circulated by the organization. "Although malnutrition is not new to the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America, prior to formula promotion it did not become severe until the second year of life."

Spokesmen for the Boral Corporation, a subsidiary of Nestle's which operates the Rusty Scuppers chain, said that the actions of Nestle's, which is based in Switzerland, had no bearing on the operation of the Rusty Scupper.

Stansbury also was quick to point out that the liquor board's decision, which he said is due shortly after the holidays, will be made exclusive of "issues which are outside the parameter of the liquor board."

2 Douglass bills would restore state welfare budget cuts

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

State Del. John Douglass, D-40, has pre-filed two bills which would abolish an existing land acquisition program and transfer the funds from that program to the depleted budgets of the Department of Health and the Department of Human Resources.

"My bill would take money out of a project that we really don't need in these tight times," said the East Baltimore legislator.

The program he plans to repeal is "Project Open Space", which is designed to enable state subdivisions to acquire land for recreational use.

It is funded through the sale of state bonds which are financed from Maryland property tax revenues. Applications for the use of the grants disbursed through the program are made to the state Department of Public Works, and monies granted range from $2500 to $1 million.

Two weeks ago, the Department of Human Resources announced that it would be trimming $1.2 million from its budget as a result of a projected state deficit.

And earlier this year, the Department of Health announced a $4.2 cut in that agency as well.

Project Open Space is funded by approximately $30 million annually.

Douglass may face opposition to his bill from city officials. The city has traditionally made use of funds from the program since its inception 11 years ago. Projects funded through Project Open Space range from improvements to local parks to the development of abandoned Fort Holabird as a recreational park.

The latest project approved by

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Atlanta police deny claims of suspect arrests

By Portia E. Badham
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Despite reports that Atlanta police officials have prime suspects in the murders of 11 black children and the disappearance of four others over the last year and a half, law enforcement officials have denied those claims.

A spokesman for the Atlanta Public Safety Commissioner denied reports that there were prime suspects in at least six of the murders and stated that police officials are not any closer to solving the case than they were several months ago.

Fulton County District Attorney Lewis Slaton stated that an investigator was assigned to each case and that some of the investigators were "leaning toward a certain individual who might be connected to murders."

Slaton said, "But I would not call these prime suspects."

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